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Veterans Day at Fort Hunt

CDR Matt Verich, USN and Capt. Karin Kulinski, USN speak to Fort Hunt Elementary School students as part of the school's Veterans Day celebration.



Parents, relatives and family friends who have served in the U.S. military were invited to speak to students. Above, CDR Cory Culver, USN addresses a classroom of students.



Capt. Buzz Donnelly, USN speaks to students. Participating military personnel spoke about their experiences in a variety of fields including aviation, intelligence and criminal justice.

Modern Man Cavorts at St. Aidan's Kipyn Martin sings songs of Joni Mitchell.

BY ED SIMMONS, JR.
THE GAZETTE

The folk-pop trio of musical satirists known as Modern Man had the crowd at St. Aidan's Saturday night, Nov. 8, fairly rolling on the sanctuary's glossy cement floor. Laughter was brisk and frequent and melodies were toe-tapping as David Buskin, George Wurzbach and Rob Carlson un-

leashed a flotilla of original comic songs.

This was the third Focus concert this fall at St. Aidan's. For folk music events in the Metro area, check out FocusMusic.org.

Preceding Modern Man on stage was Kipyn Martin. Singer, songwriter and guitarist, she captivated the audience with her first song "Keep Your Lantern Lit" which displayed her luminous, ringing voice, and wowed them again with her second tune "Making Offers I Can't Refuse."

The soaring trills in her voice were reminiscent of Joni Mitchell, which is no accident as she and Alison

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Escaping Abuse

Traveling purses raise domestic violence awareness.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

"Victoria" moved to the United States eight years ago with her husband. (Her name has been changed for protective anonymity.) At the beginning, he was the perfect gentleman: holding doors, full of compliments, telling her he loved her. She quit her job to be with him, her first love. Their future in a new country seemed bright.

But once they were married and living in America, Victoria felt her partner growing apart from her. He wouldn't communicate with her. When she asked him to tell her things, what he was thinking or what his plans were, he got annoyed.

The annoyance led to verbal insults and angry outbursts. Victoria thought she was doing everything she could to make the marriage work, but it just seemed like she was making things worse. She, not he, was doing it wrong.

"After you hear this again and



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE GAZETTE

Shelter House director of development Jolie Smith shows off one of the Purple Purse Challenge purses at a fundraising event Oct. 22 at Coyote Grille in Fairfax.

again, I feel like the only way I can protect myself is don't take it seriously," Victoria said. "Because it'll never change."

The verbal abuse turned physi-
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Open Wide

Local office offers free dental services for Veterans Day

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Willie Davis of Mount Vernon just had an impacted molar surgically removed.

"When I bit down, every time I ate it was hurting, like biting the inside of my cheek," he said. "Not having insurance, not knowing how to get this tooth fixed, it was a blessing actually, that someone would give us a free service."

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Willie Davis of Mount Vernon had an impacted wisdom tooth removed for free on Veterans Day at Neibauer Dental Care.

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Tatiana Collver, Aldersgate associate pastor Hedy Collver and Queen Bee jeweler Allison Priebe Brooks.



McClain Brooks volunteers with the children in the holiday ornament workshop.



Nancy Mitarotonda of Lady M Designs shows one of her bejeweled holiday ornaments.

Aldersgate Hosts Annual Holiday Bazaar

The annual Aldersgate Church holiday bazaar offered something for most of the shoppers and browsers who visited the church and school on Saturday, Nov. 9. Handmade goods by local craftsmen and artists filled the tables and booths along the hallways of the church and preschool.



Sue Willison works on a scarf in-between customers at the holiday bazaar.



Cornelia Inlow displays her handmade hats and scarves, baby blankets, household goods, doll hats and wall hanging at the bazaar.



Girl Scout Cadets from Troop 1351 volunteered for kitchen duties at the annual Aldersgate Holiday Bazaar and lunch.

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LOUISE KRAFT
THE GAZETTE



Jill Russell of Jill of All Trades sews together a teddy bear with rival teams, Washington and Dallas, for a customer.



Jill Russell's football bears on display.



The children's corner workshop offered young shoppers the opportunity to decorate a holiday ornament.



Help the Homeless

Browne Academy Head of School Peggy Otey (left) walks with faculty, students, and families for the school's annual Help the Homeless Walk to benefit United Community Ministries at its annual Family Pancake Breakfast on Oct. 10.

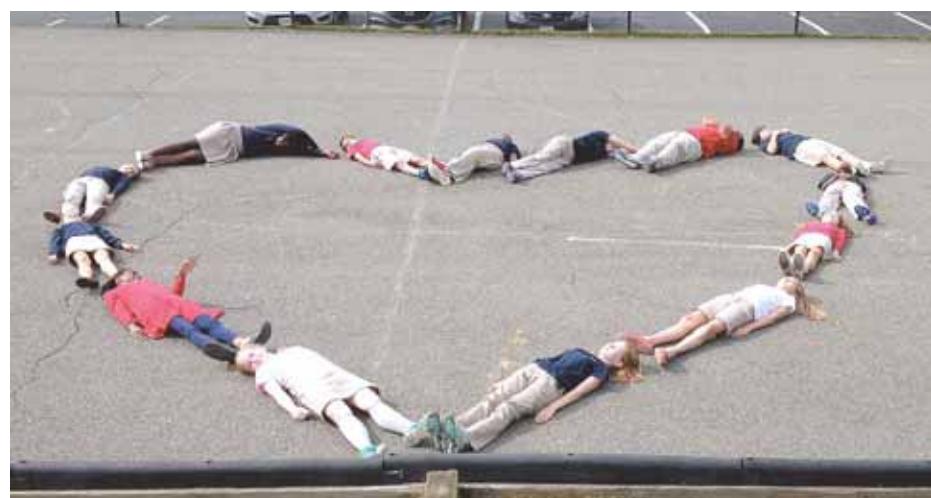
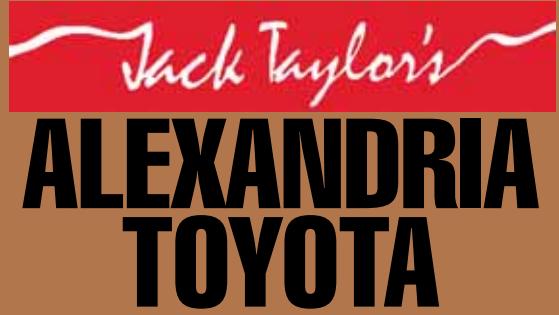


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Sixth grade students made a heart shape to show that they are "Part of the Heart" of the community with UCM to help people in need. The event featured outdoor warm-ups and a walk around the campus with school staff and families, to raise awareness of the need and funds to help in the community.



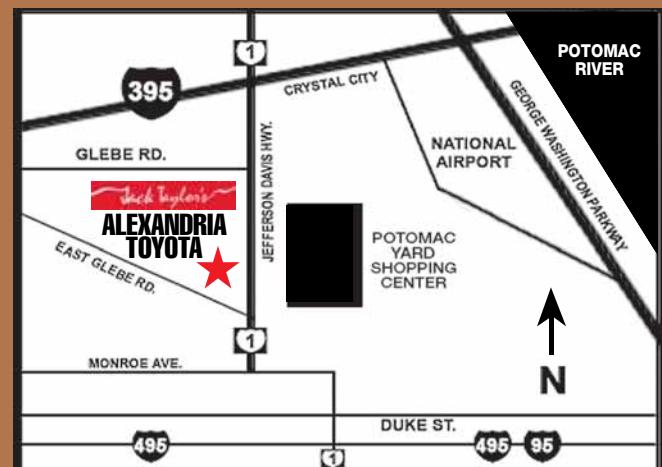
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**Melissa Lee,
“Milk &
Honey” food
pantry man-
ager, directs
the Scouts
sorting the
groceries.**

PHOTO BY ED SIMMONS, JR.

Boy Scouts Stack Shelves at Rising Hope

Docked out in full Scout regalia complete with kerchiefs and insignia patches, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of Troop 1509 turned out in force Saturday morning, Nov. 8, to fill the shelves of the “Milk & Honey” Food Pantry at Rising Hope.

“I was very pleased with the outcome. They worked

very hard collecting the food and separating every can until the last bag. They collected 1850 bags,” said pantry manager Melissa Lee. “My volunteers were very helpful as well.” Rising Hope, a United Methodist Mission Church, aids the homeless and poor along the Route 1 corridor.

— ED SIMMONS JR.

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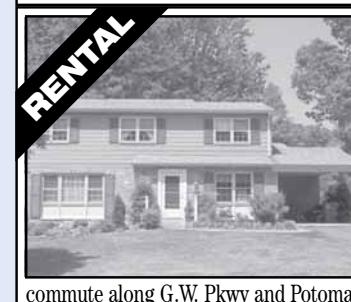
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Shelter House Passes the Purple Purse

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cal. First Victoria's husband would cock back his hand, threatening to slap her. Then real slaps came, and then beatings. Then rules for the number of times sex had to be offered each week. A quota to be followed.

"For her it became the normal," said Susie Pigg, assistant director at Artemis House, the 24-hour domestic violence shelter operated by the Falls Church-based nonprofit Shelter House. "Oh it wasn't that bad, I could survive a slap." But then it escalated. "Yeah, he rapes me;" all those things became normalized to her, which is heartbreaking."

Victoria went along with it because she wanted her husband to be happy. She put her love for him above everything else: her love for her children, her father and herself. Her own happiness would fill in if she could make her husband happy.

"He really hurt me, but I already felt like I was brainwashed," Victoria said. "I believed that he's better than me, smarter than me, more capable. He should be the one to make the orders."

She knew she had to get out of the situation, but felt trapped. She had no job and wanted the best for her children. She had no friends or family in the United States.

"I cannot get out of this marriage," said Victoria. "I have no hope, no place to go and I cannot even imagine leaving him."

After a particularly painful degrading day and night, she decided she had no choice but to take a stand. Victoria had to show her husband she couldn't be treated this way. An altercation resulted in her spending almost a year in jail.

Victoria found out about Artemis House through her jail caseworker. She spent her first night after being released in a motel and the next night she was in one of 34 beds at Artemis. She's been a resident-client there for several months and is on her way to being employed and restarting her life.

Artemis House is one of 11 locations in Fairfax County offering services for victims of domestic violence. The county's Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (OFWDSVS) contracts with Shelter House to run Artemis, which has apartment-style dwellings.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBIN ROBISON

From left: Former Redskins head coach Joe Gibbs, Redskin Ron Saul and Saul's wife Robin Robison raise awareness for domestic violence with the Kerry Washington-designed purple purse.

According to the OFWDSVS FY 2013 report, Artemis House served 134 adults and 148 children in that period. Pigg says additional off-site locations allow them to help up to 44 clients at once.

FUNDING AND AWARENESS are two major challenges facing the shelters and other domestic violence services.

"It's not an easy conversation to have," said Shelter House director of development Jolie Smith. "It's a dark topic. Everyone knows someone that has a story, or their own story."

—Shelter House director of development
Jolie Smith

Coach purses. Smith handed out four purses that made their way around Virginia in the hands of Shelter House directors, elected officials and professional athletes.

Smith and Braddock District Supervisor John Cook decided that rather than just be seen with the purse, why not pass it around and challenge others to make donations, similar to the ALS Ice Bucket campaign. At the Sept. 23 Board of Supervisors meeting, Cook moved October be designated Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and passed the

purse first to chairman Sharon Bulova. The purses were highlighted at another Shelter House fundraising event on Oct. 10, the "Chipping In to End Domestic Violence Charity Golf Tournament" held at the Laurel Hill Golf Club in Lorton. It was there that Smith met Robin Robison and her hus-

band, former Washington Redskin Superbowl champion Ron Saul. Robison was a victim of domestic abuse from a former husband 15 and a half years ago, and was keen to help raise awareness.

She spoke publicly about her experience for the first time at the tournament.

"I'm glad it's over, that she only had to go through it for six months," said Saul. "A man does not beat up on a woman. If you got a problem, better to walk away, let things settle down, then try to get closure on the problem."

"It wore me out," Robison said. "It was like opening an old wound, something I had healed a long time ago."

For the month of October, Shelter House's Purple Purse Challenge raised just under \$15,000, including a large donation from Robison and Saul's friend Cecil Pruitt.

According to Cook, calls to the Fairfax County sexual violence service and information hotline have shot up dramatically following the Ray Rice news coverage. The OFWDSVS reported 1,664 such calls in FY 2013.

"I hope the other football wives will come out," said Robison, "that anybody else out there will come out. You don't have to put up with this. Pick up that phone. Make the call. You're given an instinct: If you have any hesitation in your mind, whatsoever that something isn't right, you don't do it."

Smith presented Robison with a Kerry Washington-designed purple purse, to keep raising awareness between now and next year's challenge.

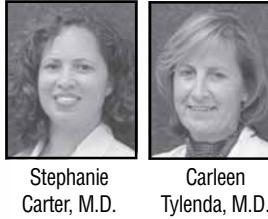
"The Purple Heart is for wounded service members," said Smith. "Victims of domestic violence are wounded physically and mentally. It's about survival, dedication to ending violence and courage."

"People should know they're not born to be a victim," said Victoria. "We should know we can have a second chance. We can make other decisions. So never give up."

THE 24-HOUR Fairfax County domestic violence hotline is 703-360-7273. The county's website for domestic violence is www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/dvviolence. More information about Shelter House can be found at www.shelterhouse.org.

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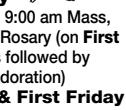
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OPINION

Thanksgiving Help for Those in Need

Roll up those sleeves and help.

This week is the week to jump in to help the many organizations that will help needy families through the holidays. Here are a few ideas of how to help, but the opportunities are limitless.

More than 236,000 people living in the area do not have access to enough food to sustain an active, healthy life for all members of their households, according to Catholic Charities. That is to say, more than a quarter of a million people, including many children, go hungry on a regular basis.

Catholic Charities is launching a new food distribution project, the St. Lucy Project, designed to respond to food insecurity in the diocese.

"The reality in Northern Virginia is that thousands of our neighbors suffer from gripping poverty and hunger," said Bishop Paul S. Loverde of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. "Pope Francis has consistently called us to be

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a 'church of the poor and for the poor.'" The project will provide food in Alexandria and other parts of Northern Virginia. See www.ccdanet.org for more.

Our Daily Bread will help 2,000 people for Thanksgiving and through the holidays. They need help. Sign up to deliver a meal, adopt a family or just donate. <https://www.odbfairfax.org/Thanksgiving>

United Community Ministries is seeking donations to its food pantry, donations to help prevent homelessness for 300 families on the brink, plus children's books and toys. <http://www.ucmagency.org/how-to-help.html>

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The Arlington Food Assistance Center is facing record demand, helping more than 8,000 people, and poised to go far above its annual budget. Find out more and donate <http://www.afac.org/>

Cornerstones' annual Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive will help nearly 1,000 families this season. 571-323-9555, www.cornerstonesva.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Who Will Protect River?

To the Editor:

For over a month, an abandoned boat named "Group Therapy" out of Washington, D.C. has been tied to trees along the shoreline of the Potomac River next to the George Washington Parkway just south of the exit for Vernon View Drive. The existence of this boat is well known — I have seen its presence reported in the local press.

As the accompanying photo shows, the boat's swim platform is under water. This means the boat is sinking. Boats are well known to contain numerous noxious chemicals including gasoline, oil, ethylene glycol (antifreeze), transmission fluid, and others. If the boat sinks, presumably chemicals such as these will be

released into the river.

Our local Mount Vernon community "boasts" an unusually large collection of politicians, police forces, and self-described environmentalists. Why is it that this potential ecological disaster has been permitted to fester in our midst for this length of time?

I trust someone in authority will see to it that this boat is immediately towed away and prevented from causing an environmental disaster.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

Will Miss That Joyful Feeling

To the Editor:

Apparently, next-door neighbor Wendy Kilpatrick and I have enjoyed the same experience with retiring Tom (Santa) Bailey of the Belle View post Office. ["Twas the Night before Retirement," The Gazette, Nov. 6.]

So competent, sharp-witted, just plain enjoyable was Mr. Bailey over the years, I routinely gave up my place in line just to reorder myself therein to do postal business with him.

This patron will miss Tom (Santa) Bailey and our shared views, laughs and his incomparable service greatly. Like leaving Santa, I always left him feeling better.

Rocky Curtis
Alexandria

Most Hold Police Accountable

To the Editor:

SHARE of McLean seeks donations of grocery gift cards and more. Checks and gift cards can be sent to: Holiday Celebration, Share, Inc. PO Box 210, McLean, VA 22101. 703-284-2179. www.SHAREofMcLean.org

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FACETS helps parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in the Fairfax area. FACETS is always in need of volunteers, and offers a variety of one-time and ongoing opportunities. 703-865-4251 or volunteer@facetscares.org. Information about supply donations and FACETS holiday gifts drive is available on the website at www.facetscares.org.

You can find a list of local Fairfax nonprofits here: <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2014/aug/27/newcomers-guide-area-nonprofits/>

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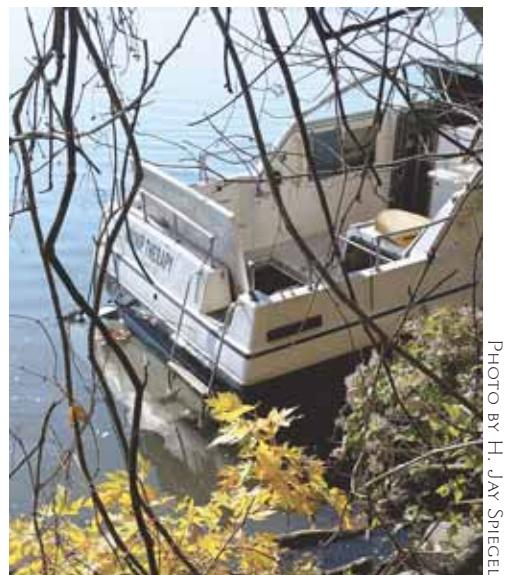
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NEWS



Jolly and lyrical, this was Modern Man's second performance at St. Aidan's.

Modern Man Cavorts at St. Aidan's

FROM PAGE 1

Shapiro (who performed to audience acclaim at St. Aidan's earlier this fall) are reprising the music of Mitchell and Joan Baez to premiere in Washington, D.C. in 2015. Follow them at JoanandJoni.com.

Before her set was over, she dazzled with her award-winning song "Night Bird," followed by Crosby, Stills & Nash's "You Don't Have to Cry" and Mitchell's own "Big Yellow Taxi." Her impression of Joni Mitchell was dead-on.

A blink of the eye later, Modern Man hit the stage like a trio of rollicking rogue elephants on the run from Barnum and Bailey. After their lengthy opening set of non-stop hilarity, George Wurzbach at his keyboard alone performed a straight, lovely, thought-

ful song called "Hannibal the Elephant," about enabling a forlorn pachyderm escape from the Brooklyn Zoo.

Next to solo seriously was David Buskin who sang a gentle song called "Too Much Illusion." Afterwards Rob Carlson, who is Modern Man's comedian-in-chief, landed back on stage and a barrage of song parodies blasted forth. Notables Bob Dylan, The Beach Boys, Johnny Cash and Bruce Springsteen were all skewered, along with all-creatures Hip Hop with Buskin's rap extravaganza "Give Me Some Assisted Living."

They departed from comedy and ended the evening with a delicate song called "The Girls with the Moon in Their Eyes."



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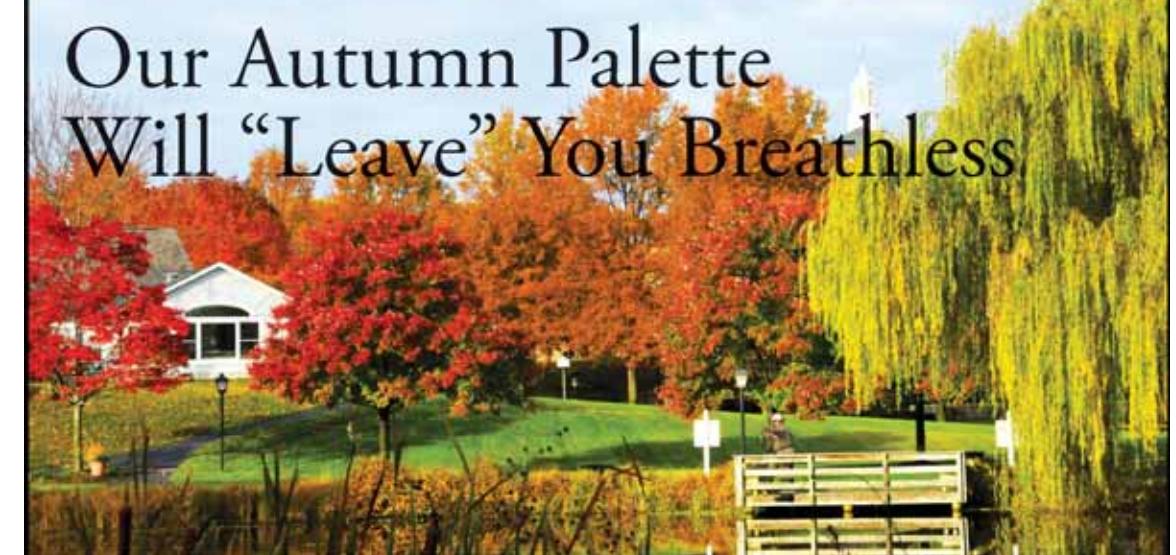
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Police Accountability proposal. Unfortunately, this will result in large costs of county and taxpayers' monies. The Fairfax County Police Department will be mandated to change its policies and procedures.

We regret that the Board of Supervisors has favored the Fairfax County Police Department to the detriment of the citizens of Fairfax County. You have failed your constituents and the citizens of Fairfax County.

**Citizens Coalition
for Police Accountability**
Board of Directors

Puller Supports Review Board

To the Editor:

The following letter was addressed to Sharon Bulova, chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

I am writing to you to recommend that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors create, appoint and support a Citizen Complaint Review Board. After speaking with my constituent, Nicholas Beltrante, executive director of the Virginia Coalition for Police Accountability, and reviewing the materials he gave me, I believe that with the proper support and accountability the Citizen Complaint Review Board could be a useful tool to not only keep the Fairfax County police accountable, but ultimately foster community relations, support and facilitate open communication.

Without outside accountability and transparency of the police to the community, distrust and resentment build, and the police cannot be as effective. I have heard from constituents and neighbors who have concerns as to the ability of the police to investigate themselves honestly and fairly. The recent incidents of police action with unarmed suspects in or near my district are concerning to me and the community.

Several upstanding Virginia and national organizations have signed on in support of this idea and offered their support in ensuring the success of such a program, including the Virginia ACLU, NAACP Fairfax County branch, the National Association of Investigative Specialists, National Black Police Association and the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department.

Citizen review boards, when set up correctly and supported fully, can strengthen community trust in police, improve mediation and make citizens feel more comfortable in filing complaints in the first place, knowing that their complaint will be investigated fairly and fully.

I am supportive of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors setting up a Citizen Complaint Review Board with a clearly articulated mission of reviewing issues and not seeking out problems to be solved, and staffed with upstanding members of the community from each of the magisterial districts.

Toddy Puller
State Senator (D-36)

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What brought you out to the recent Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability meeting?

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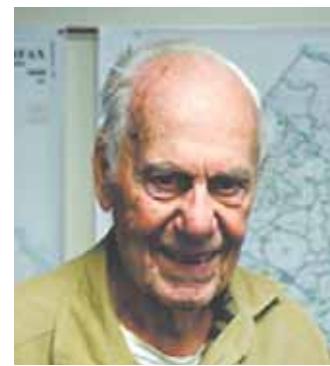
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"I'm here to support anything that
can be done to improve the relationship
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"The people who
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be interested in
what's happening
around them. It's
so bad. There's
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ruins it."



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"I'm here because I got interested,
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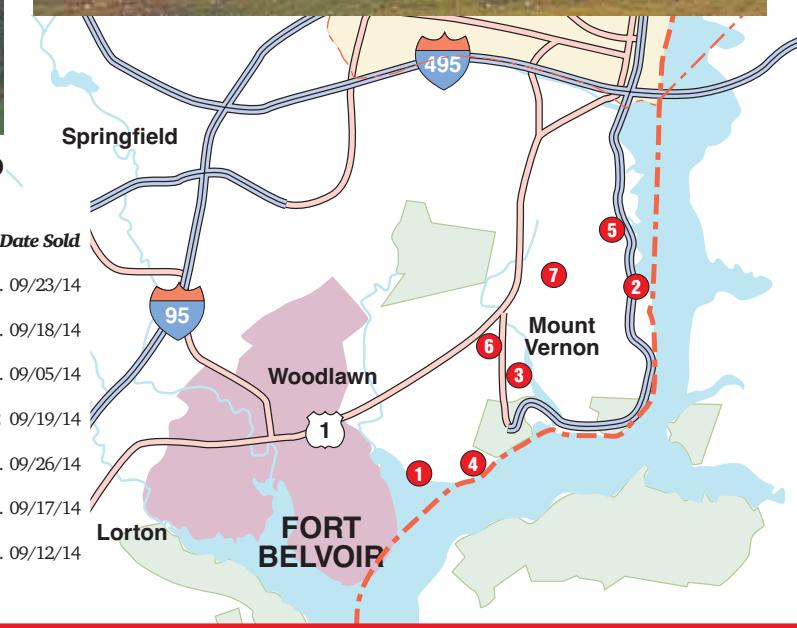
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Home LifeStyle

Book Features Local Tastemakers

Interior designers offer advice on creating an elegant home.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Fall not only brings vibrantly colored leaves and pumpkins, but it also ushers in a slew of new book releases. Among those is an interior design book featuring local designers.

Melissa Mather's "Creating Elegant Interiors: Designers in their Own Words" is a collection of narratives from design experts who offer advice on creating a stylish home. It is filled with photographs of rooms that offer a variety of definitions of elegance, including modern, traditional and even preppy.

"We presented questions to a variety of skillful tastemakers, each with a discerning eye for style," said Mather. "Their answers

are intended to help the reader discover their own personal style and create a home that is both elegant and comfortable. The designers share some of the insights they use while guiding their clients to the discovery of their own unique design style."

Among the designers in the book are Victoria Sanchez of Victoria Sanchez Interiors and Victoria at Home in Old Town, Alexandria, who describes how she begins her design projects.

"I always ask lifestyle questions early on in the design process to understand how



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED
New book on creating an elegant home features local designers.

my clients want to best use their space," said Sanchez. "For example, do you have a big family that requires 10 seats at the dining table? Do you host the weekly playgroup and therefore need open spaces and childproof fabrics? Write down your answers and you will quickly see what you need and what's important to you, and this will help you develop the right space."

Personal touches and do-it-yourself projects are great ways to showcase your tastes and sense of style," said Allie

Mann of Arlington.

"Don't be afraid to use your space as a creative outlet," she said. "Do-it-yourself projects don't need to be super time-con-

suming or terribly sophisticated, either."

CREATE A MASTER PLAN before beginning a project is advice offered by Kai Tong, an architect at Hopkins & Porter in Potomac, Md. "It doesn't need to be implemented and finished immediately, but it will allow the clients to live in the space and observe how both the space and their vision needs evolve," he said.

One of the first things to ask and consider is how the space is going to be used, said Ann O'Shields, an interior designer and owner of The Nest Egg in Fairfax.

"Will it be adults only in a formal setting or a space with children and pets?" she asks. "From there, I recommend identifying spaces or things in your current home that you enjoy. It's important to give your home personality and add elements that you enjoy."

"Creating Elegant Interiors: Designers in their Own Words," can be found at bookstores and on Amazon.com.

DC Design House Comes to Virginia

House will benefit Children's National Health System.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

The new country estate at 956 Mackall Farm Lane in McLean will be the location for the 8th annual DC Design House, a project that raises money to benefit Children's National Health System. The 2015 DC Design House will be held from April 11 to May 10.

"We're excited to have found such a wonderful location and partner for the 2015 DC Design House," said Skip Singleton, co-founder of the DC Design House. "The new home by Artisan Builders is a charming old farmhouse-style home in McLean, our first

venture into Virginia, with many rooms for our team of designers to decorate."

Built by Artisan Builders and designed by Harrison Design, the 8,869-square-foot home replicates an old American farmhouse. The home is reminiscent of a Virginia countryside home, but offers modern amenities. The interior floor plan is an L shape, which was popular among early farmers because of the ease and efficiency of adding future rooms.

"My partners and I are truly thrilled that Artisan Builders' new old farmhouse in McLean, Va., has been selected as the 2015 DC Design House," said Stephen Yeonas of Artisan Builders. "Our entire team is committed to making the event the best ever, while helping a great cause, Children's National Health System."

THIS MODERN FARMHOUSE offers light-filled interior rooms that blend old elements, such as reclaimed wood and an-

tiques, with new features, including top-of-the-line kitchen appliances.

A gallery finished with stone from an old Virginia farmhouse and a library paneled in quarter-sawn oak are among the vintage touches. The exterior features covered porches, antique style lighting, and natural stone in a random, hand-cut pattern. Landscape design is by Fine Landscapes and sales by Yeonas & Shafran Real Estate.

Some of the area's top designers previewed more than 20 rooms in the three-level home, which includes first floor formal and family foyers, dining and living rooms, library, kitchen, breakfast room, family room, mudroom and front and rear covered porches. Among the rooms on the upper level are a master suite with reading nook and three secondary suites, while the lower level offers a bistro and bar, media and game rooms, and an additional bedroom and bath.

"We'll be announcing designers by the end

of November," said Susan Hayes Long, chair of the DC Design House, "and we're sure the 8th annual DC Design House will continue our tradition of exceptionally innovative designs and inspiration, all while raising money for our beneficiary: Children's National Health System."

The interior designers create presentation boards, which show how they would design the home. Volunteer staff choose the designers who will donate their time and talent to transform the house into a showcase home.

The DC Design House began in 2008 as an event for the DC Metro area in which top area designers showcased their talents in a "flowing design home" to raise funds for a local charity. What began as a single event goal to raise funds for Children's National Health System, formerly Children's National Medical Center, has developed into an annual residential design attraction and fundraiser.

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From left: Jacob Cano as Mr. Bumble and Franco Cabanas as Oliver Twist.



From left: Emma Brown as Jack Dawkins, Anna Paez as Nancy, Franco Cabanas as Oliver Twist and Brevan Collins as the Artful Dodger.

'Oliver!'

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From left: Maria Pattison and Ann Louise Conrad both as Fagin.

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ONGOING

Tavern Toddlers. Weekly open playtime continues every Monday throughout holiday season. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, North Royal Street, Alexandria. Caregivers, toddlers (walkers through 3 years) and visiting relatives are welcome to play, read, dance and color in the historic ballroom. No reservations required. Each week costs \$7 for a group of three, which must include one adult, and additional people are \$3. A three-visit pass costs \$18. On Monday, Feb. 16 Tavern Toddlers will be closed due to President's Day. www.gadsbystavern.org or 703-746-4242

Post-photography: Beyond the Print. Through Nov. 30. Public reception Thursday Nov. 13, 6-9 p.m. In a new Target Gallery exhibition, 31 artists experiment with alternative applications of traditional photographic images through a variety of work in wood, glass, fabric, and other media. torpedofactory.org/event/post-photography/

The Rocky Horror Show. Through Saturday, Nov. 15 at Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. See the classic, campy musical that inspired the classic cult film. Admission is \$25-\$35. Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com for more.

Young at Art. Through Nov. 21 at Duran Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. An exhibit for artists who are 55 or older. Free. Call 703-836-4414 or 703-824-1345 for more.

Multiple Exposure Gallery. Oct. 14-Nov. 23 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. See the diversity of styles and the artistic, personal vision of the Torpedo Factory's fine art photographers. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Runs Nov. 7-30. "Nourish & Flourish: The Food Show" art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. This member show reflects and illuminates the ways food influences us all. Thursday, noon-6 p.m. Friday and

Saturday, noon-9 p.m. Sunday, noon-6 p.m. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

Photography Exhibit. Through Nov. 30 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Inspired by FotoWeekDC, this all-media exhibition investigates alternative applications of photography and challenging new contexts for creating images. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Jan. 2 at 1717 King St. and 300 S. Washington St. BB&T Bank hosts an exhibition of portraits of African American and women Living Legends of Alexandria at its Old Town branches. Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit www.AlexandriaLegends.com.

more.
New Exhibit. Mount Vernon invites visitors to explore George Washington's design for the grounds of his estate, through a new exhibition, "Gardens & Groves: George Washington's Landscape" at Mount Vernon through Jan. 12, 2016. Gardens & Groves is the first museum exhibition to focus specifically on Washington's landmark achievements as a landscape designer combining rarely-seen original documents, artwork, and books with period garden tools, landscape photography, and a scale model of the Mount Vernon estate. Included in admission \$18/adult; \$17/senior citizen; \$9/child age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Alexandria Cars & Coffee invites car

enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.
George Washington's Mount Vernon has joined Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and James Madison's Montpelier to expand the "Presidents Passport," Virginia's premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year's program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King St. showing or purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential estates will, upon request, receive for free Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and

museums in Alexandria-a \$26 added value. Visit www.PresPassport.Monticello.org for more.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Dinner for the Washingtons. Noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Second Thursday Music. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 pm. Second Thursday of every month. Visit [nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

The Monday Morning Birdwalk has been a weekly event at Huntley Meadows since 1985. It takes place every week, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free of charge, requires no reservation, and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Tavern Toddlers. Every Monday (except Federal Holidays) 10:30-11:30 a.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Join other families with toddlers (walkers through 36 months) to have fun in Gadsby's historic ballroom. Playtime features a craft table, book corner, toys and group dancing. \$7 for a group of three. Visit www.alexandria.gov/gadsbystavern or call 703-746-4242.

Pottery Classes. 1-4 p.m. at Alexandria Clay, 2389 S. Dove St. Try It classes Nov. 2 and Nov. 16. Call 703-672-2419 for more.

Sewing Classes. Sewn 3-D Creations for Kids: Thursdays, Nov. 6-20 or Saturdays, Nov. 8-22, 10-11:30 a.m. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/registration-fall2014.htm to register.

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers



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The cast of West Potomac's "Little Shop of Horrors" includes, from left, Sarah Lore, Aubrey Blount, David Jarzen and Nikki Amico.

'Little Shop of Horrors' at West Potomac

The final performances of West Potomac High School's "Little Shop of Horrors" will run Nov. 13, 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. All performances are at West Potomac High School in the Kogelman Theatre at 6500 Quander Road. The play is rated PG-13 due to the amount of violence. Tickets are either \$25 or \$12 and are available at the door or online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/878971

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and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Just drop-in for the session and bring your supplies to draw or paint our live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for a schedule.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/NOV 12-13

Playfest Arts Event. 3 p.m. The performances feature scenes from plays by female playwrights. The theme this year is Woman-Works. Playfest is a platform for the community to showcase their storytelling skills. The event will be held at various locations during the two days. All material is family friendly. theatreofpurpose@gmail.com or 202-352-4864

THURSDAY/NOV. 13

Second Thursday Live. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Meigs Hodge explores the delta and Chicago styles through the music of Robert Johnson and Muddy Waters. Tickets are \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Dance Performance. 8 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. Niche in the Hall is a site-specific performance that travels all three floors, cubbyholes, studios and alcoves in dialogue with the art and architecture of the Torpedo Factory

FOOD & DRINK

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon, Wednesdays, through Dec. 17. Fresh local food, artisan crafts. Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtnvernornmkt.htm for more.

Old Town Farmers Market. 7 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Located at Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-3200 or email oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov.

Del Ray Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues. Contact pmiller1800@comcast.net for more.

Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays through November. Brings fresh nutritious foods to people of all income levels. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.4mrmarket.org/ for more.

West End Farmers Market. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays through November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables as well as berries, apples, pears, and seasonal peaches. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries, gourmet cheeses and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket for more.

Art Center. Visit torpedofactory.org.

Jane Franklin Dance. 8 p.m. 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. For a donation, visitors can see an intimate dance performance, choreographed to respond and react to the art and architecture of the building. Proceeds from the evening benefit Jane Franklin Dance. Visit janefranklin.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 14

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. David Bromberg Big Band with Honey Child. \$45. Visit www.davidbromberg.net or www.Birchmere.com for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 14-SUNDAY/DEC. 14

Art Exhibit. Runs through Dec. 14. A Pilgrimage of Images, a mixed media exhibition by Heidi Christensen, will be on display at the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 6699 Springfield Center Drive. The gallery will be open weekdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 703-845-6156 for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 14-15

Oliver! The Musical. 3 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane, Alexandria. Dickens' classic, family-favorite 19th century tale follows Oliver's adventure through London's

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SATURDAY/NOV. 15

Brownies Letterboxer Badge. 10 a.m.-noon. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. This event will help Girl Scouts earn their next badge. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Fall Book Sale. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. The Museum is offering a special book sale of African American themed items. Duplicates, remainders and books that do not meet the reading room's mission will be for sale. Call 703-746-4356 or visit www.alexblackhistory.org for more.

Coffee and Tea Tasting. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about the history, provenance, health benefits, and more of these flavorful brews. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Dare to Transcend. 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 East Campus Lane, Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria. Kim Allen Kluge, conductor; duo Madalyn and Cicely Parnas, violin & cello, and Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. \$5-\$80. Call 703-548-0885 or visit www.alexsym.org.

Ornament Decorating at Friendship Firehouse

Firehouse. 1-4 p.m. Decorate and take home dough ornaments made in shapes inspired by firefighting. One ornament per person will be included in the museum's \$2 admission, and additional ornaments will be available for \$1 each. All ages. 703-746-4994 or www.friendshipfirehouse.net

SUNDAY/NOV. 16

Annual History Day. Noon-4 p.m. at Franconia Firehouse, 6300 Beulah St. Enjoy firehouse stories by former volunteers, museum displays and artifacts. Contact Carl Sell at 703-971-4716 or sellcarl@aol.com for more.

Author Presentation. 2-5 p.m. at Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road. Five authors will share their books in a question and answer session. Admission is \$15. Call 202-

431-4634 or allenjoann@hotmail.com for more.

Heirloom Gastronomy. 3 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Jason Moore, of Whole Foods Market Old Town, will lead gastronomical tour of early American cookery. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org.

Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. This juried exhibition of work by the Botanical Arts Society of the National Capital Region features images of heirloom and heritage plants will be on display. Exhibition continues through Jan. 4. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Three Dog Night. \$69.50. Visit www.threedognight.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

US National 12K. Start time TBA at Oronoco Bay Park. Open to runners of all abilities, and families can enjoy a kid fun run, live entertainment and a beer garden. Registration for members is \$55 and \$50 for military members and police officers. Visit www.national12k.us for more.

Dare to Transcend. 3:30 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Kim Allen Kluge, conductor; duo Madalyn and Cicely Parnas, violin & cello, and Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. \$5-\$80. Call 703-548-0885 or visit www.alexsym.org.

Children's Book Tour. 4-7 p.m. Banner's Hallmark, Bradlee Shopping Center, 3670 King St., Alexandria. "The Magical Tale of Santa Dust" is a popular holiday children's book that reignites children's belief in Santa Claus by providing them a fun, family activity to do with their loved ones Christmas Eve night. Author Patricia Cardello will be reading excerpts from her story, signing books and discussing how families can start their own Santa Dust traditions. www.themagicaltalesof santadust.com.

MONDAY/NOV. 17

"Papyrus: the Plant that Changed the World." 7 p.m. at Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. John Gaudet discusses the history of papyrus and shows samples of papyrus paper.



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and several models of the papyrus plant. Free. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY/NOV. 17-19

Live Music: John Hiatt. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. An evening with John Hiatt. \$55. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500 for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 18

"Holiday Treasure." 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 North Union St., Alexandria. The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery artists excel in holiday spirit. Show closes Jan. 8. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

THURSDAY/NOV. 20

Retrosessionists Comedy Improv. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Enjoy an evening of improv comedy along with a cash bar. Tickets are \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 21-22

Oliver! The Musical. 3 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane, Alexandria. Dickens' classic, family-favorite 19th century tale follows Oliver's adventure through London's underworld of pickpockets and ruffians, to the truth about his past. \$12. www.mvcct.org

SATURDAY/NOV. 22

Holiday Shop Returns. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. The church will

continue its 52 year tradition featuring an array of goods. Call 703-765-5950 or visit www.mvuc.org.

Annual Christmas Bazaar. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Mary's School, 400 Green St. More than 60 of the region's most popular vendors specializing in arts, jewelry, ceramics, clothing and more will be present. Visit <http://bit.ly/1zGVTw1> for more.

Asian Style Miniature Dish Garden.

10 a.m.-noon. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Design and create an Asian garden scene with figurines, stones and plants. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Garden Sprouts.

11 a.m.-noon. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about wild turkeys, their families, habits and amazing ways of survival. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Family Fun Turkey Hunt.

1-2 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Create a turkey-inspired decoration for your Thanksgiving table. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Ornament Decorating at Friendship Firehouse.

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Thanksgiving Table Arrangement.

1:30-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Break the cornucopia tradition and make a Thanksgiving centerpiece in a fresh pumpkin. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Plant Discussion. 3 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Eileen

Malone of the Botanic Arts Society of the National Capital Region will discuss contemporary portraits of native plants, with suggestions on how these plants may be used in mid-Atlantic gardens. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Period Inspired Banquet.

8 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Celebrate an evening with retired President Jefferson, played by Colonial Williamsburg's Bill Barker. The evening will feature a period inspired banquet, English country dances, live music, dessert collation and a cash bar. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbyTavern for more.

SUNDAY/NOV. 23

Music in the Gallery. 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. This chamber music recital will feature Stravinsky's Octet for Winds as well as other traditional and modern music for woodwinds and brass. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount

Vernon Ave. The Time Jumpers, featuring Vince Gill, Dawn Sears, Kenny Sears and Ranger Doug Green. \$59.50. Visit www.thetimejumpers.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 26

DJ Swing Dance. 9-11 p.m. Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett Street, Alexandria. With DJ Dave Murphy. Music of the 1930s, '40s, '50s and some contemporary surprises. \$6. 703-359-9882 or www.gottaswing.com

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 26-SUNDAY/DEC. 28

Broadway Christmas Carol. Runs through Dec. 28 at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. Enjoy the show Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m., Saturdays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50. Visit www.metrostage.org for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28

Alexandria Tree Lighting. 7-9 p.m.

Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Annual event featuring lighting the City tree, performances and a visit from Santa to open the Christmas season. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Calendar.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28-TUESDAY/JAN. 6

Christmas in Mount Vernon. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon decks the halls with themed Christmas trees on the estate and festive greenery in the Mansion. Visit www.mountvernon.org/christmas for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 5-6

Live Music: Dar Williams. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Dar Williams, honoring the 20th Anniversary of "The Honesty Room." \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com or www.darwilliams.com.

Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend & Parade,

9 a.m. onwards at Campagna Center, 418 South Washington St., Alexandria. Tour historic Old Town homes decorated for the season, wander through a marketplace full of unique seasonal gifts, purchase greenery for your holiday decorations, enjoy fine Scotch at the Taste of Scotland, and take in the sights and sounds of the unique Scottish Christmas Walk Parade. Proceeds will benefit educational programs that provide vital pre-K education, after school programs, tutoring and mentoring, family support services and English classes, all serving 1,700 Alexandrians daily. For schedule of events and to purchase tickets visit www.scottishchristmaswalk.com.

Storytelling Night at SLES

Stratford Landing Elementary School is hosting a Storytelling Night on Thursday, Nov. 13. Reading will start at 7 p.m. Parents of Stratford Landing students can drop children at themed reading rooms while they shop the book fair or mingle.

The older students have a Camp Fire Book Swap so they are asked to bring a book they enjoyed reading to swap. Students that would like to rotate through the themed reading rooms will be entertained by story tellers.

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West Potomac Girls' XC Competes at Regionals

The West Potomac girls' cross country team can turn its sights to improving for the future after finishing 13th at the 6A North region meet on Nov. 5 at Burke Lake Park.

The Wolverines posted a score of 313, finishing outside of the state-qualifying top six. Oakton won the championship with a score of 58. Madison (67), Lake Braddock (79), Patriot (116), Robinson (190) and West Springfield (196) also qualified for states.

"I think for us, qualifying for regionals was pretty much a goal all season long, so it was good to accomplish that," West Potomac head coach Jenn Dietz said. "[For] those that are returning ... [we should be] starting to aim at getting back into top 10 and [eventually] aim for being in top six."

Sophomore Charlotte Costantino was West Potomac's top harrier at the regional meet, finishing 48th with a time of 19:09. Six days earlier, Costantino earned all-con-

ference honors with a top-15 finish at the Conference 7 meet.

"Being all-conference as a sophomore and not that far off of breaking 19 minutes, she should be looking to lead the team next year," Dietz said, "but we've got a lot of underclassmen in top seven and [they are] improving. ... It's going to be interesting next year to see what our order is."

West Potomac senior Maura Finn finished 53rd with a time of 19:16. Senior Zoe Smith finished 58th (19:29), junior Meredith Bar-

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— West Potomac XC coach Jenn Dietz

ber was 79th (20:14), freshman Catherine Fidd came in 91st (20:26), senior Nikki Amico was 96th (20:36) and junior Laura Powell finished 101st (20:53).

"We need the younger runners to start

making improvements to get the program back to where it was," Dietz said. "... Hopefully, some of it will just come with experience and improvement with track season and summer mileage."

The West Potomac boys' team failed to qualify for regionals, but Dietz has high hopes for the group, led by sophomore Zach Lindsey, freshman Connor Foss and sophomore Matthew Frame.

"I think the boys' team actually has more potential," Dietz said, "with the number of underclassmen leading the group."

The West Potomac boys' and girls' teams were region-title contenders in the recent past, and Dietz wants to return to that level.

"Looking toward next year, we're just going [train] during track and make progress there," Dietz said. "Hopefully we can

really get the program back on track. We used to be a team that was looking toward the state meet and we want to start doing that again."

— JON ROETMAN



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West Potomac sophomore Charlotte Costantino, seen during the conference meet, finished 48th at the 6A North region meet on Nov. 5.



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Cheerleaders Honored at Patriot Conference

Four West Potomac varsity cheerleaders were honored in the Patriot Conference competition this October. Freshman Taylor Scott made 1st Team All-Conference and seniors Cidney Boyd, Olivia Manous and Zshana Lee made 2nd Team.

SPORTS BRIEFS

West Potomac Football Finishes with Win

The West Potomac football team ended the season with a 31-23 victory over rival T.C. Williams on Nov. 7 at West Potomac High School. The Wolverines finished 4-6 under new head coach Jeremiah Ross, including a 27-20 win over playoff-bound Oakton on Sept. 26.

Mount Vernon Football Falls to Wakefield

The Mount Vernon football team concluded an 0-10 season with a 45-12 loss to Wakefield on Nov. 7 in Arlington.

Eight of the Majors' 10 opponents qualified for the 5A or 6A North region playoffs.

Mount Vernon's last winless season came in 2009.

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HOLIDAY GIVING

Holiday Giving. Nov. 17-24. Churches, businesses, warehouses and homes across Alexandria are being transformed into collection spots for Operation Christmas Child. Area collection sites hope to collect thousands of gift-filled shoeboxes from individuals, families and groups for needy children during Operation Christmas Child's National Collection Week. List of locations at www.samaritanspurse.org

THURSDAY/NOV. 13

"Living on the Edge." 8 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Ever wonder what you would do if you were out of a job, out of a house, and out of hope? Come and hear from three local organizations that spend their time and resources reaching out to those in need: Rev. Keary Kincannon of Rising Hope Mission Church; Lt. Nathan Bridges of The Salvation Army - Alexandria Citadel; and Katherine Morrison, executive director of United Community Ministries. \$25/\$35. Visit www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org to make reservations or call 703-360-6925.

SATURDAY/NOV. 15

Bicycle Collection. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. Bikes in any condition and any size are welcome for donation to Bikes for the World. Visit www.bikesfortheworld.org or contact charlenep@burgundyfarm.org or dougf@burgundyfarm.org.

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Open House, 4-8 p.m. at Holmes Middle School, 6525 Montrose St., Alexandria, less than half a mile from TJHSST. Families with students in grades 4-8 are invited to learn more about the school and meet TJHSST teachers, administrators, students, parents, and alumni. Visit www.fcps.edu/pla/TJHSST_Admissions/index.html for more.

TUESDAY/NOV. 18

SCAN's 3rd Annual "Speak Up" Training.

9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Training in basic advocacy skills, policy briefings, legislative updates from local legislators. SCAN and Prevent Child Abuse Virginia will host this all-day event. Guests from Voices for Adoption and Youth for Tomorrow will give overviews of current issues being addressed in the General Assembly, including Foster Care and Adoption, Mental Health Resources for Virginia's Youth and Human Trafficking. \$12, includes boxed lunch. Participants must register by Nov. 11 online at: <https://co.clickandpledge.com/advanced/default.aspx?wid=72662>.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19

Repairing Old Trunks. 9:30-11 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques club sponsors this free event. Linwood Smith will also relate some of his stories of "Growing up in Olde Towne Alexandria." Call Ann Connell, 703-360-4979.

SATURDAY/DEC. 6

School Open House. 2-4 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. School serves pre-kindergarten to 8th grade. Call 703-329-6968 to RSVP or schedule a personal tour. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org for more.

TUESDAY/DEC. 9

Telephone Support Group. 7-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For family caregivers of older adults. Discuss "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly - Caregiving with Family and Friends." Share experiences, gain support and get information without having to travel. Free. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/

SUNDAY/JAN. 11

School Open House. 2-4 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. School serves pre-kindergarten to 8th grade. Call 703-329-6968 to RSVP or schedule a personal tour. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org for more.

NEWS

(Top, from left) Vivian Fletcher, Dr. Mike Nguyen, Dr. Navneet Dhillon, Dr. Ruchika Malhotra, Lily Tefferi, Cynthia Nabors (second row, from left) Tatiana Morton, Adriana Serra, Jennie Korniotes (third row, from left) Andrea



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Valencia, Christina Allen, Fatima Tarshi, Tiff'nni Bell, Dr. Jimani Mwendo, Dustin Crisler (bottom row, from left) Taylor Hales, Enat Legesse, Lisa Sheire, Mary Linarez, Teresa Evans, Jessica Butler and Lisa Butler. Members of the Neibauer Dental Care team and volunteers helped provide free dental service to veterans and the public.

Helping Uninsured Veterans

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Davis was one of more than 50 patients that received free dental care in honor of Veterans Day at Neibauer Dental Care in Alexandria. Other offices in the Heartland Dental network Neibauer is affiliated with do free dental days, and this year the four-year-old Route 1 office decided to give back on Veterans Day.

Paul Ieradi, regional administrator for Heartland, served in the Marine Corps. "I'm a veteran and [practice administrator] Jennie Korniotes and I had a conversation about it," he said. "We figured the Fort Belvoir is right here, the doctors are 100 percent on board, so we wanted to do it."

From 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., the office offered free fillings, cleanings or extractions for veterans and the public, anyone without medical insurance was welcome.

"We don't have a limit for any of them," said Korniotes. "We want to make sure we fairly see everyone who comes to the door."

Nearly 25 doctors, hygienists, assistants and volunteers from both the Alexandria office and the Neibauer location in Woodbridge hummed around with great energy.

"The day is awesome, we're having so much fun," said Dr. Jimani Mwendo. "Being a giving spirit, it's fun, it brings up the

morale. When you give like that, you just receive so much in your heart."

For many patients, that giving also required taking, specifically, removing infected teeth.

"I just had a patient right now, I did 11 extractions on him," said Dr. Mike Nguyen. "His whole mouth was infected."

The doctors tried to alleviate as much immediate pain as possible, but also scheduled further appointments if the patient's mouth required additional work.

Lindsay Shurtliff served in the Air Force from 2002 to 2006 before moving to the Washington, D.C. area with her husband. She's been an assistant at Neibauer for the last year.

"As vets, you do a service to America as a whole," she said. "It's great we can help them with some needs. Whether they can get it through their insurance or not, it's great to be able to do that."



Lisa Sheire, RDH (left) flosses the teeth of Journee Spann (right) of Woodbridge at Neibauer Dental Care in Alexandria.



Andrea Valencia (left) assists Dr. Jimani Mwendo (right) in removing two teeth from a patient as a free service offered on Veterans Day.



Brittany Spann (left) and her daughter Journee (right) of Alexandria both take advantage of free dental service at Neibauer Dental Care on Veterans Day.

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Joyce S. Lepper – 3/16/16 – 11/2/14

Joyce Mae Sullivan Lepper, born March 16, 1916, died peacefully at age 98 in her hometown of Alexandria, Virginia. Born to Roger Christopher Sullivan, City Treasurer of Alexandria for 54 years, and Elsie Davis Sullivan, she grew up in old town Alexandria until leaving for college at Randolph Macon College for Women (now Randolph College), where she graduated in 1937. The first college graduate in her family, she worked as a medical technician and a laboratory manager for several Alexandria physicians, before taking a comparable position as a med tech at George Washington University.

One of her duties involved instruction of GW medical students in laboratory procedures, and it was in this position that she met, and later married, Mark H. Lepper, M. D., of Silver Spring, Maryland on June 7, 1941. They remained happily married for more than 52 years until his death in 1994. She also taught phlebotomy to nurses and doctors in the area, including some at Goodwin House shortly after it opened.

Shortly after her husband's return from World War II, the family – which by now included one son, Mark R. Lepper, and one daughter, Joyce H. Lynne – moved first to Chicago, and later to Hinsdale, a western suburb of that city. During the next 35 years, once the children were in school, Joyce became an avid volunteer in several major Chicago hospitals, putting in more than 25,000 hours of service.

Eventually she helped to open and operate a non-profit medical bookstore at Rush Medical College. In her off hours, she also enjoyed participation in numerous bridge clubs and continued involvement in the AAUW and the League of Women Voters, as well as attending Chicago's Lyric Opera, and tending her own well-manicured garden. She was also a frequent and always gracious hostess for all sorts of events. In addition, she and her husband greatly enjoyed cruises and visited most of the countries in Western Europe, the Caribbean Islands, and the northern portions of South America.

After her husband's retirement, the couple moved to Bethany Beach, Delaware, into an ocean-front condominium that she loved. In 1987, they moved to Goodwin House (now GH, Alexandria). At Goodwin House, Joyce continued her extensive volunteer work and maintained an active social life. She served, sometimes multiple turns, as chair of the welcoming, the marketing and the flowers committees, and in the gift shop. She was also a longtime member, and Secretary, of the Residents' Council. With her good friend, Helen Fairfax, she opened and operated Market Place, a second-hand shop whose profits have gone to the Goodwin House Foundation for many years and in 2001, she was voted GH Volunteer of the Year.

Throughout her life, she remained smart, cheerful, highly social, and ever feisty. She is survived by her son Mark and daughter-in-law, Jeanne Lepper, of Palo Alto, CA, and her daughter Joyce of Arlington Heights, IL; two grandsons and their wives, Geoffrey W. Lepper (Leslie Stephens) of San Francisco, CA, and Christopher M. Lynne (Paula Lynne) of Phoenix, AZ; and four beautiful great-granddaughters, Abigail, Kylie, and Jessica Lynne, and Zoë Lepper.

A memorial service was Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Goodwin House, 4800 Fillmore Ave., Alexandria, VA 22311, with a reception followed. Graveside ceremonies will be private.

Donations may be made to Goodwin House Foundation.

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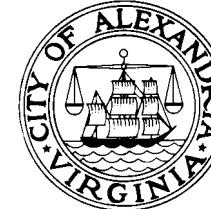


Betty Louise Maize Vincent

Mrs. Betty L. Vincent, born February 14, 1920, of Alexandria, VA passed away of natural causes on October 21, 2014 at the age of 94. Betty is survived by her three daughters, Glenna Scott of Lantana, FL, Maggie Clover of Fishersville, VA and Lindsey Bender, of Alexandria, VA. Betty is survived by five of her six grandchildren (Tim Hodgens of Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, Kim Clover of Phoenix, AZ , Randy Clover of Lancaster, NY, Elise Bender of Alexandria, and Chelsea Bender of Gaithersburg, MD). Betty is preceded in death by her second grandchild, Kathy Hodgens of Lantana FL. Betty has five great grandchildren. Betty grew up in California, PA and attended the California College (now California University) to earn a BA in early childhood education. Betty lost her first husband, Glenn Bower, during an attack on a transport ship in the Atlantic Ocean during World War II. They had one daughter Glenna. Betty married Caleb Randolph Davis Vincent of Alexandria in 1947. Betty was a devoted wife, mother, daughter and grandmother. As an Army wife, she lived and worked in many interesting places and teaching in some of the elementary schools where they lived, (Sharpe General Army Depot, Stockton, CA, Cameron Station, Alexandria, VA, Baumholder, Germany, Ft. Bragg, NC, Potsdam, NY, Alexandria, VA, Panama Canal Zone, Charleston, SC, Bangkok, Thailand).

Betty and Randy were active members of their neighborhood and were the founders of the George Washington River Farm Marching Band and Social Society. This marching band was formed in 1976 for the Bicentennial celebration of our nation's founding and so our neighborhood would have a marching band for the annual parade. Betty's husband would write comic plays, built a stage in the basement and they put on dinner theater with the neighbors in the 1970s. Betty worked for a travel agency in Old Town in the 1980s.

Betty was involved in the alter guild at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, a member of the Stratford Women's Club, TROA (The Retired Officers Association), and the alumni association of the California University, PA. Betty was generous, cheerful and liked to go out. She was nicknamed, "Grammy Go-Go". Arrangements are under the direction of Cunningham Turch Funeral Home, Alexandria, VA.



Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, November 15, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 4-603 (Special Use) of Section 4-600 (CD-X/Commercial Downtown Zone [Old Town North]), Sections 4-702.1 (Administrative Uses) and 4-703 (Special Uses) of Section 4-700 (CR/Commercial Regional Zone) and Section 4-1403.1 (Administrative Uses) of Section 4-1400 (NR/Neighborhood Retail Zone [Arlandria]) all of Article IV (Commercial, Office, and Industrial Zones); Section 5-404 (Regulations for Single-Family, Two-Family and Townhouse Development) of Section 5-400 (CRMU-X/Commercial Residential Mixed Use [Old Town North] Zone) and Section 5-505 (Density and Lot Requirements) of Section 5-500 (W-1/Waterfront Mixed Use Zone) both of Article V (Mixed Use Zones); Section 6-702 (Uses) of Section 6-700 (KR/King Street Urban Retail Zone) of Article VI (Special and Overlay Zones; Section 7-202 (Permitted Obstructions) of Section 7-200 (Permitted Structures in Required Yards) of Article VII (Supplemental Zone Regulations); Section 8-200 (General Parking Regulations) of Article VII (Off-Street Parking and Loading); and Section 11-704 (Application of TMP Program to Development; Required Participation) of Section 11-700 (Transportation Management Special Use Permits) and Section 11-1004 (Powers and Duties) of Section 11-1000 (Board of Zoning Appeals) both of Article XI (Development Approvals and Procedures) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the Text Amendment to address certain technical corrections in the Zoning Ordinance heretofore approved by City Council on October 14, 2014 as Text Amendment No. 2014-0006.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2014-0006 to make technical corrections to various sections of the Zoning Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by City Council to the Old Town Small Area Plan Chapter of such Master Plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2014-0007 to amend Map 25 of such chapter to change the land use designation for the property located at 329 North Washington Street from RM-Residential Medium to CD-Commercial Downtown with proffer and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2014-0007 to amend Map 25 of such chapter to change the land use designation for the property located at 329 North Washington Street from RM-Residential Medium to CD-Commercial Downtown with proffer and no other amendments, approved by the City Council on October 18, 2014.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 064.04 of

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the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (Official Zoning Map and District Boundaries), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 329 North Washington Street, Alexandria, Virginia from RM/Townhouse Zone to CD/Commercial Downtown with proffer in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by City Council on October 18, 2014 as Rezoning No. 2014-0005.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2014-0005 to rezone the property at 329 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA from, RM/Townhouse Zone to CD/Commercial Downtown with proffer in accordance with the zoning map amendment approved by City Council on October 18, 2014 as Rezoning No. 2014-0005.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article U (Alexandria Transportation Commission), Chapter 4 (Committees, Boards and Commissions), of Title 2 (General Government) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance adds two additional citizen members to the Transportation Commission, bringing the total membership to eleven.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owners of the property located at 220 South Union Street in the City of Alexandria, Virginia to construct and maintain an encroachment for a canopy over the entrance door at that location.

The proposed ordinance permits the hotel to be located at 220 South Union Street to construct an entrance canopy that partially encroaches onto the adjacent sidewalk area. City Council approved the encroachment on January 25, 2014 as part of the CARR Waterfront Hotel Development Special Use Permit approval.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 9-15-18 (Expiration) of Chapter 15 (Food Truck Vendors) of Title 9 (Licensing and Regulation) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended to extend the Food Truck Pilot Program for an additional two months.

PUBLIC HEARING: The City of Alexandria is proposing a number of revisions to its Charter for the 2015 General Assembly Session. The purpose of these changes is to revise parts of the Charter that are outdated (e.g., there are references to the 1902 Virginia Constitution, which was replaced by the 1971 Constitution), and make other changes to more accurately reflect current City practices (such as preparation of the budget by the Office of the Management and Budget – not the Department of Finance). This public hearing also includes recommendations from City Council's Legislative Subcommittee which recommends that the City adopt the specific positions for its 2015 Legislative Package.

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